

HUMPTY DUMPTY.

I suppose you will think that was not her true name, but it was. She was a little colored girl, a slave, too, but she had a good master and mistress, who nover ill-treated these who were dependent on them, but did

all they could to make them happy.

When the baby opened its eyes upon this world her parents were much exercised over a name for her, but before it was settled it became only too ocrtain that the poor little creature was doomed to pass through life in sad deformity. The dark, curly head settled down too far on the shoulders and the back

arched behind it.
"Oh!" exclaimed Harry Fairleigh, the first time be saw the baby. "Why, mamma, she's a regular Humpty Dumpty; isn't she?" "Wha's dat, Massa Harry, wha's dat— Humpty Dumpty?" cried Aunt Dinab, her ear caught by the new name.

Humpty Dumpty on the wallquoted Harry, and that ended the search for a nice, big name for the little stranger, and to Humpty, as they called her, became a recognized member of the here in the woods, watching and waiting for

recognized member of the household, and by no means a useless one as she grow older. "Humpty has more thought, young as she is, than all the rest of the slaves put tois, than all the rest of the slaves put to-gether," Mrs. Fairleigh used to say, and it the enclosure on purpose to serve such a pur-

Humpty's master lived in Georgia on a number of slaves, whose next little houses Were stattered all over the plantation, each through the roof or set fire to it.

As soon as it was dark Hum

The Fairleighs had a beautiful home, plenty of money, and love and pence among themof money, and love and penes among them-selves, so they ought to have been happy, you stood close against the pickets ready to fire at a moment's warning.

Before long Humpty saw a round dark ob-a desire to consewill things went, but over all there was a cloud, a ject rise above the top of the fence and a warning note told Solis, who guarded that warning note told Solis, who guarded that sails. In a second there was a flash and restable to the service of God. Shortly afterwards she removed with her husband and family to Scattle, Wash. The great need sails. ened, the thunder began to mutter, and the

long looked for storm broke forth.

Mr. Fairleigh's home, which last been his father's and his grandfather's before him, was not far from the Florida line, and the Indian village of Miccosukes was only a few miles on the other side.

Florida was then a Spanish province, though the Spanish commanders had no power outside their fortified posts, and in the interior, the Seminole Indians, who, as their name indicates, were "runaways" from the Creek nation, held full sway. The Red Stick tribe of the Miccounies village were their allies, and were called Red Stick because in the center of the village stood a tall pole painted red, to denote the warriors' shine bursting out of thirst for the blood of the palefaces, and on it were many hundreds of American scalps.

In perfect silence si

Desides these hostile Indians there were bundreds of runaway slaves and escaped convicts roaming at will over the beautiful Flor-ida wilderness, ready at all times to join the Indians in robbing and murdering Ame They spared the Spaniards because the Span ish authorities in Florida encouraged their inwless acts. So, as you may believe, things were bad enough at all times, but now they were growing worse, and the Indians had declared war. For months past Mr. Fairleigh's anxiety had been intense, and again and again he had urged his wife to abandon their home until peace should be restored.

But Mrs. Fairleigh loved her home and was not willing to leave it, so kept putting off her

The day came, however, late in March, 1816, when her husband come riding home from the town, twenty miles away, at breakneck speed, his face white and drawn with intense

He rode straight to the stables, called the slaves together and bade them harness all the horses and mules to the wagons. Then he came to the house and loaded up all the most valuable furniture.
"Be quick?" he ordered. "The Red Sticks

Then be dashed into the house, and in a

moment more all there was bustle and confusion and rapid, energetic action. In less than three hours the plantation was deserted and its whole population well on the road towards a place of safety.

the time, Mr. Fairleigh decided to return to before night the plantation for a few slays, taking with him about it. him E Piuribus Solis (for thus had Humpty's parents named her elder brother, acting on the edvice of mischievous Harry), a sturdy couth of 18, and Humpty to cook for them, for young as she was she had learned a great deal of this difficult art. There was much to do to prepare for a long

absence, so the three were very busy, and every little widle Humply, who of course felt very auxious, cropt out upon the roof to look for signs of the enemy, and at last, on the second day, quite early in the morning, her heart gave a great leap as she raw over tim tree tops a column of smoke rising skyward. She knew that only one thing could make such a smoke in that particular spot, a burning house, that of their nearest neigh-ber two miles away, and she was equally sure that the Indians were there robbing and burning, and only not murdering because the family had deserted their home

Humpty was only a little girl, only a little negro hunchback. The sight and the shock before. overcame her. Head over bools like a ball roof and layen the floor screaming at the top et her voice. Only for a moment, though. Then she stopped, caught her breath, doubled p her fists and pummeled herself unmerel-

cried indignantly, "git right up, and run and tell mass and Solts! There now, stop yellin', and git up quick, mean, missisle little nigger, you! 'Fears like yer oughter be scalped, but don't want to, no how-oh, Lord!"

her brother, and in a few moments all three were running back to the house. But bufors there that their fees were already upon them.

They were class to an old log cabin, once of as a smoke blue for curing bacon. It ad a great enfinitely, built of clay and sticks, unting up on the cutable, and on the inside.

But now, led by Humpty, they marched inous. had a great chimney, built of clay and sticks, a large fireplace and two rooms.

Since the new troubles with the Indians Mr. Fairleigh had repaired thould cabin and built a high, strong picket fence around it, intending, if he was so unfortunate as to be surpried by the enemy, to take refuge there until help could come from the seriement,

The bullets rattled against the picket fence as the three fugilives rushed through the gate and barred it behind them. E Fluribus Sens. with his teeth chattering and smarting under the represents of his eleter as "a moun, missible a mount formal of Injura?" were marked

When Enby was sick, we gave her Custoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clong to Castoria, Whou she had Children, she gave them Castoria, to help his master get out and lead the half dozen rifles that the latter's forethought had placed ready to their hands. Around the inide of the two rooms that constituted their castle a platform had been raised for the express purpose of being used to fire at the in-

dians over the top of the tall fence,
A large party of them ran out from the woods as the gate closed, but after two or three had been dropped to the ground by the balls from Mr. Fairleigh's rifle they did not dare to come any nearer, as that involved exposing themselves to his fire while crossing the open field.

So, for the present, they contented them-selves by sending a shot now and then at the cabin and with burning down the beautiful house where Mr. Fairleigh's grandfather, father, himself and his children had been

As soon as the house and stable were in fore them the two horses that had brought the three besieged ones from the settlement.

Mrs. Jones is a native of New Har And then all was quiet and peaceful as the and is now 47 years of age. Her father was ours wore on toward nightfall. Only for the English and her mother Scotch. She secured

that an enemy was near.

unawares. Humpty kept watch while ber master and years, she was by pose, so that they would burn through the that she became night and cast a light on the whole line of proud, ambitious large plantation where cotton and sugar cane grew in great luxuriance. He had a large was that the Indians might succeed in getting worldly pleasures. over the fence and then enter the cabin In 1877, through an

As soon as it was dark Humpty was sta-tioned as a lookout at the loopholes, while moved, and, with the other two lighted the pine knots and then

an hour of the sharpest anxiety, until by the side. In a second there was a flash and retime Humpty was 14 years old the sky dark-Later on the little hunchback's keen eyes

detected a suspicious movement in a corner that was partly in the shadow, and a shot from Mr. Fairleign was followed by a shrick and the heavy fall inside the enclosure of a

There was a long rest after this, but toward daylight wide awake Humpty thought she heard a slight rustling in the room with the chimney and the buge fireplace, and as she went softly in several small pieces of clay rattled down. The little girl hesitated a moment, then crept cautiously near and looked up the chimney. Strange to say, as Humpty draw bank and tiptoed across the room, her dark face gleamed all over like a ray of sun-

In perfect silence she picked up some pieces of fut pine, used for kindling, and filled her arms with the coverings from a bed in the

"Hi! hi!" she chuckled, shaking from head to foot, "I'll swinge dat chicken, fer shua; fust rate idee! He won't know what's happenin'. Goess up the chimbly; swings 'em,

Quick as a flash Humpty placed the kind-lings in the fireplace, lighted them, and when they blazed up, threw on the bedeloties, and Then, the picture of delight, she darted

away, and mounted to a loophole,
"Hi! massa, I'sa awingm' a chicken goose "Hi! massa, I'se swingm' a emeken go matter: "As regards her litness—sex assortion the chimbly. Come in yer, massa, he matter: "As regards her litness—sex assortion the chimble down or he get en de roof. Snoot the expression of those present was very free, and displayed not the shadow of a doubt. hi! hi! Humpty, swinge 'em, shun!"

Mr. Fairleigh darted into the cabin, and

E Pluribus Solis raised his rifle, ready to fire if Humpty's "chicken goose" appeared on the roof. And this is just what he did do, evidently in a great hurry, and in the midst of a cloud of smoke. "Swingint" was some-thing he had not calculated on, neither on the bullet that went crashing through his head, and sent him rolling off the roof to the

er, having lost three of their boldest

But still Mr. Fairleigh had no hope of ultimate escape; he knew his enemies would not give up the siege. Humpty saw his trouble. There was one person whom she But of course, when the flight had been so loved with utter devotion, and that person lasty, some important things had been for was her master. All day long she moved gotten, and so a week later, hearing that the about quietly and thoughtfully; she was turn-indians had left that part of the frontier for ing something over in her mind, and just before night she went to her master and told

"Let Humpty go, massa," she pleaded. "Sohs, he'll look out shurp, and Humpty'll creep, creep, creep till she gits clar off, den rum, rum, rum. Git help heah fore to morrow night, and den massa'll be all right." At last Mr. Fairleigh yielded. The plan would at least give little Humpty a chance

And so, as soon as it was dark a picket was cantiously loosened and the heroic slave crept through, not knowing but the next moment a tomalsawa might descend

Slowly, now curling on her hands and kness like a dog, now dragging herself along like a snake, she made her way across the field until at last she gained the shelter of the woods. Still cantionsly, but walking now, she went steadily on, and when she felt sure she was beyond hearing of the Indians, who

Twenty miles to the settlement and then she rolled down the hadder that led to the all that distance to be gone over again before tures, but devotes her undivided effort to help could reach her beloved master?
On and on she run till suddenly she stopped

short, extelling her breath and shaking from hold to foot, for there was a strange sound in the air, coming closer along the wagen. Too, Humpty, you misible critter," she track she was following a lowey tramp and deep murmur. Humpty was terribly frightened. She thought it was a whole regiment reaching that port the crew of the ship

Panting and breathless, little Humpty there are saw what it meant, and her little, former was captured, and in the subsequent rushed a rose the fields to Mr. Fairleigh and sorely tried heart gave a throb of jox.

Solders' hundreds and hundreds of them. Yes, it was really Gen, Jackson's army they had gone half way a shot, another and with that brave here himself riding at their another from out the young forest warned lichd. They were on the road to the Micross uses village (you will find it on the Fiorida eight in number—was without visible evi-maps to this day, only it is not an Judian depos of malireatment in the way of scars

desperate a fight was being fought, and they arrived in time to kill or capture every one of the suvages, who had just succeeded in scaling the fence and were attacking the cabin | the young men propose to make a four of the itself. So they were nicely caught in a tran | European capitals, singing American in

Perhaps are tells it yet, for the was living only two or three years ago. Helen Harcourt laden are as "Sinr Spangled Banner,"

The third contrivance is an imitation cigar, leagned for pipe smokers who dishke to be een on the street with a pipe protruding from months. It is made of ashestos, the exof shape and color of a rigar, the deception ing carried even to an imitation of ashes at the burning and. It is inventity a mere deal, which is it led at wall by the smoker with fine smoking toleron. After in is "loaded," it may be smited like an ordinary rolled weed, and the difference is only detected upon close inspection. The holder, for that is the proper name for it, being made of aspestos, will not burn and may be used again and again --Cincinnati Times Star.

Humanity's Good.

[Special Correspondence.] CHICAGO, March 25,—Called in a peculiar way, and, as the legal books have it, without "knowledge and aforethought" on her own part to declare the gospel, Mrs. Mary C. Jones' ministrations have been attended with such invariable and pronounced success that there is but one opinion as to ber fitness for her vocation.

A slender woman of apparently fragila physique, with dark, wide open eyes and a face "whose every feature bath the power to aid the expression of the hour," she looks the inspirationist she is. Still, while possess ing in a remarkable degree "that quality which makes the moment great," she has As soon as the house and stable were in what rarely accompany such gifts, viz., posi-flames the Indians noisily retired, driving be-tive and clearly defined principles, excellent

smoke that rose from the site of the ruined an academic education through her own efhome of the Fairleighs there was not a sign forts, having taught school when she was barely 1% Before she was 12 years of age she was ex-

ercised in regard to religion and joined the the cover of darkness to creep down upon it mained connected with it for eighteen no means an active **南京** member, and says afflicting experino intention of do-

of church workers opened the way, and she was soon prominent in the Sunday school and as a helper in the Young Men's Christian as-

Her first sermon was preached at the request of the church of which she was a member during the absence of the pastor. She says that upon this occasion her only thought was that she had the blessed privilege of tell-ing five hundred souls, for whom Jesus died, of the saving power of his infinite love. Since that time, for nine years, Mrs. Jones has preached two and three times each Sunday, besides holding meetings during the week, and has had no rest save in traveling from

draw back and uplosed across the room, her durk face gleamed all over fixe a ray of sunshing bursting out of a cloud and spreading over the landscape.

In perfect shence she picked up some pieces. In perfect shence she picked up some pieces and the picked up some pieces. In perfect shence she picked up some pieces and the picked up some pieces and the picked up some pieces. In perfect shence she picked up some pieces and the picked up some pieces and t place to place to fill appointments. identified herself with the First Baptist go, church of Seattle. She was licensed to preach There would be fewer aching hearts below. by this church, and in the absence of the pastor was called to act as a supply. His protracted absence made necessary the service of a regular minister, and the church called for her ordination. On the 9th day of July, 1882, she was regularly ordained by the First Baptist church of Seattle, sitting in council with representatives of other churches convened there at a meeting of the Baptist Association If we could only see

of Puget Sound and British Columbia.

The Hon. R. S. Green, then chief justice of Of the uniathomable eternity. of Puget Sound and British Columbia. the territory, was moderator of the council that ordained her, and says in regard to the matter: "As regards her fitness—sex aside—

We cannot know, as yet we may not see; But still there need be no uncertainty.

For we may place our hopes and fears with Thee. Since her ordination God has greatly and continuously blessed her labor to the conversion of many souls, and to the unifying and engaged in present discourse while treading enlarging of several churches." Although that stately dance, and the plain quadrille this was the first ordination of a woman in afforcied many of the older of us to enjoy de-the close communion Eaptist church, there belows bits of firstation with those of the taken; it was, however, true that there were many liberties and pleasantries pass for harm

for the congregation the pulpit of the First Baptist church at movement gradually quicken, onen become Spokane Falls, and in January, 1888, she re-deliberate again, and so alternate, giving the ceived all the votes except two to become the | dancers occasional opportunity for pastor at a salary of \$1,000 a year. Until tion and physical recuperation. In this wise this time the church and been dependent for does the great waltz composer hope to re half the salary of their minister upon the habilitate the once popular dance in the affec-Home Mission society.

However, as the board refused to recognize a woman as paster, and because of this would extend no further financial aid, the church struck out bobily for itself, with the preacher of its selection at the helm. In less can two years one hundred and fifty members have been added to the church; the Sunday school, which numbered forty when Mrs. Jones accepted the call, has now one hundred and seventy children to regular attendance; lots for a new church have been purchased at a cost of \$10,000; Rev. Mrs. Jones' salary has been raised to \$2,000 a year, and the church is free from debt.

Mrs. Jones has two children, the youngest being new 17 years of age. In doing her pub-he work she has in no way neglected nor failed in her private duty. Enthusiastic and inspirational, she is yet thoroughly practical, and is as aelpful in assisting her parishioners in their everyday living as inciting them to higher ideals and aspirations. * Less in rising into lefty abstractions has the difficulty than were now, no donor, drawing near to the in seeing well and loxingly the complexities cabin, she ran, ran as she had never ran of what is at hand." The complexities of what is at hand are over the first care of the Hev. Mrs. Jones. She neither writes nor leeministerial labor.

ANTOINETTE VAN HOESEN.

Cruel Treatment of Sallors.

A most horrible tale of brutality came to light recently at New York city. Soon after Constance, through the British consul genits, and she dropped down in a heap.

Very soon the noise came opposite aer, and

First Mate Johns and Second Mate Lee. The examination it was shown that the members of the crew had been trended with the most savage cruckly. The belaying plu, the az and the revolver were the favorite weapons of the mates, and not one of the sailorsbuil, gure as em excuse that the men were

To Sing Before the Crar.

A glee club has been formed by the American students in the German imiversities, and In the califu was a key of powder, a good store of believe and several rifles, besides a leg of water and some provisions, for a short of water and some provisions and some provisions. dies only. St. Petersburg is selected as the

> Railroads in Connecticut. Although Connecticut is but minety miles long and seventy broad, it is so well supplied with railroads that you can travel in its cars close upon a thousand miles, it is said, wit out crossing its burders and without "repeating."-Phriadelphia Ledger.

A Valuable Acquisition. "What man you do?" asked the selface.
"Well, I can't write, and I can't edit, and CURE. ain't got no literary judgment; but if yer want a man that's all muscle to blame for avitin' libeis. I'm the feller yet want-sel -



BEAUTY OF POLISH SAVING LABOR, CLEANLINESS, DURABILITY & CHEAPNESS, UNEQUALLED NO ODOR WHEN HEATED

A YOUNG DOUBTING THOMAS. He Didn't Propose to Take Anybody's Word for A.

Some years ago there was living on Mar-

tha's Vineyard an old man who had never been off the island, and the extent of his knowledge was bounded by the confines of Mrs. Jones is a native of New Hampshire, his home. He had been told of a war between the north and south, but as he had nover heard the din of battle, he considered it a hoaz. He was utterly unable to read and was ignorant to the last degree. An exce

lent story is told of his first and only day at school. He was quite a lad when a lady cam to the district where his father resided to teach school. He was sent, and as the teacher was classifying the school, he was called up in turn and interrogated as to his former studies. Of course he had to say that he had never been to school and knew none of his letters. The teacher gave him a sent on one side until she had finished the preliminary examination of the rest of the scholars. She then called him to her and drew on the black board the letter A, told him what it was and galed him to remember how it looked. He to a transfer to the told him to remember how it looked. He ooked at it a moment and then inquired (he J. P. Alles,

"H-h-how do you know it's A?"

The teacher replied that when she was a girl she had been to school to an old gentleman who had told her so. The boy eyed the letter for a moment and

then asked: "H-h-how did he know?"

This was almost a stunner, but the tocher suddenly recollected that he had told her that when a boy he had been to school to a lady who taught him that it was A.

The boy again looked suspiciously at the

letter, then burst out with:
"H-h-how did he know but she l-l-lied?" The teacher could not get over this obstacle and the boy was sent home as incorrigible. New York Sunday Mercury.

The Little Lamb at Play. "You will certainly come to some awful

ending," said the ewe to her offspring. a fact," replied the lamb - Washington Star. Largest Paid Up Capital of any Bank in the State of Kansay.

If we could only tell Of what use sorrows were, which us befell, We should be comforted and know 'twas well.

Alice Lena Cole in Bockland Opinion.

Quadrille Versus Waltz. In the days of the minuet, our ancestors

was no dissenting voice when the vote was other sex whom we admired; for in the dance several members of the council who did not less nothings which elsewhere might be offensive. The Figure calls for a remaissance of head, and sent him rolling off the roof to the ground.

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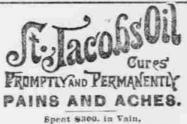
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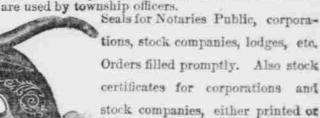
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